

Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace the pending claims with the following claims:

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) A method for the preparation of CAV, comprising the steps of:

- a. inoculating a susceptible substrate with the CAV,
- b. propagating the virus, and
- c. harvesting CAV containing material, wherein the CAV is an isolated

chicken anaemia virus (CAV), wherein the virus is neutralized by a reference sample comprising monoclonal antibody R2 secreted by a hybridoma cell line, having the identifying characteristics of a sample deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 00020304 and the virus is not a chicken anemia agent (CAA) virus attenuated by passaging wild type CAA virus in embryonated chicken eggs, wherein the virus induces lesions in chicken embryos, and wherein the antibody titre of the reference sample is at least 5 (\log_2) per 50 μ l when examined against 300-1000 TCID₅₀ per 50 μ l of the CAV.

15. (currently amended) A method for the preparation of a vaccine for protecting poultry against disease conditions resulting from a CAV infection, comprising the step of combining the harvested CAV containing material prepared according to the method of claim 14 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

16. (currently amended) The method [[CAV]] according to claim 14, wherein the titre of the reference sample against the CAV is at least 12 (log₂) per 50µl when examined against 300-1000 TCID₅₀ per 50 µl of the CAV.

17. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of inactivating the CAV.

18. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 14 wherein the CAV has the identifying characteristics of the CAV strain 319, which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. V00012608 ~~00012608~~.

19. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 14 wherein the CAV is CAV strain 319, which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. V00012608 ~~00012608~~.